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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 1384

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, SO, US

SUBJECT: MISSING MARINE SECURITY GUARD

1. MARINE SECURITY GUARD LCPL ROBERT W. IVERSON HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF AUGUST 27. HE WAS LAST SEEN IN THE COMPANY OF A SECRETARY OF THE FEDERAL GERMAN EMBASSY, WHO IS ALSO REPORTED MISSING. A CHECK ON HOSPITALS, POLICE STATIONS AND OTHER LIKELY PLACES HAS BEEN UNAVAILING AND IVERSON IS PRESUMED TO BE IN CUSTODY OF THE SOMALI NATIONAL SECURITY SERVICE.

2. DCM HAND-DELIVERED A NOTE-VERBALE TO THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY REQUESTING THE MINISTRY'S URGENT ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING IVERSON AND, IN THE EVENT THAT IVERSON IS IN SOMALI CUSTODY, THAT HE BE IMMEDIATELY RELEASED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE VIENNA CONVENTION. PROTOCOL MAN PROMISED FULL COOPERATION. THE AMBASSADOR WILL FOLLOW UP WITH A CALL TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IF THERE IS NO COME-BACK IN TWO HOURS (1400 HOURS LOCAL). WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH THE FEDERAL GERMAN EMBASSY, AND ARE COORDINATING SIMILAR ACTION ON THE GERMANS' PART.

3. IN THE EVENT THE GSDR DELAYS A REPLY TO OUR INQUIRIES BEYOND A REASONABLE TIME OR IS OTHERWISE UNHELPFUL,
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THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD CALL IN

SOMALI AMBASSADOR ADDOU TO DEMAND THAT AN URGENT
EFFORT BE MADE TO FIND AND/OR RELEASE
IVERSON. EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON IVERSON'S
DIPLOMATIC STATUS IN MAKING THE DEMAND. HOWEVER,
WE WOULD PREFER TO HOLD THE DEPARTMENT'S INTERVENTION
UNTIL THE SOMALIS HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND
TO THE EMBASSY'S INITIATIVES; WE WILL INFORM THE
DEPART-
MENT IF AND WHEN WE THINK ITS INTERVENTION
WILL BE MOST TIMELY.
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